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LANDINGS AT BOSTON FISH PIER IN MAY

An average price of \$5.31 per hundred pounds was paid for the 24,981,000 pounds of fish and shellfish—spread among 19 classifications—landed during May at the Boston Fish Pier and sold through the New England Fish Exchange.

These figures show a decrease in volume of 2,415,000 pounds, but an increase in average price of \$0.46 per hundredweight, compared with the previous month, according to the May summary report released today by the Boston Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

When compared with the total catch for the corresponding period in 1941, the figures for May indicate a decrease of 4,569,000 pounds in volume. The average price for May 1941, however, of \$2.84 per hundredweight, was \$2.47 lower than for May of this year.

The May 1942 catch, which was the result of 344 trips to inshore and offshore banks, was worth about 1,328,000 to the fishermen. During the same period in 1941, the catch—landed in 624 trips—was worth \$488,000 less, however, or about \$840,000.

In 216 trips, offshore vessels brought in 23,605,000 pounds of the total, spread among 19 classifications, at an average price of \$5.34 per hundredweight. Inshore craft, in 128 trips, landed about 1,376,000 pounds, consisting of 17 classifications, bringing \$4.91 for an average.

From offshore vessels, drawn haddock (7,185,000 pounds at a \$5.92 per hundredweight average), drawn market cod (5,012,000 pounds, at a \$4.96 per hundredweight average), drawn and round scrod haddock (4,754,000 pounds, at a \$5.27 per hundredweight average), and drawn large cod (2,326,000 pounds, at a \$5.24 per hundredweight average), were the most abundant species during May.

For inshore craft, the biggest leader was round whiting, with 452,000 pounds, for an average of \$5.18 per hundredweight. Rosefish, drawn haddock, round mackerel, and drawn large cod, followed.

Shucked sea scallops brought the month's highest average—from offshore landings—at \$25.50, with drawn halibut—inshore—second, at \$24.50; and drawn halibut—offshore—third, at \$15.51.

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Peak of arrivals in Boston occurred on Monday, May 11, when 24 vessels landed 1,180,000 pounds of fish, bringing an average price of \$5.25 per hundredweight; peak of landings was on Monday, May 25, when 22 vessels brought in 2,201,000 pounds for an average of \$5.88 per hundredweight.

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